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**MAJOR GERHART**  
(on right)  
**RESERVE**  
**CHAPLAIN**

NEEDED . . . SUPPORT FOR BETHANY!  
**Easter Message**  
by Billy Graham



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Underwood &amp; Underwood

by Leonard Palmer  
Dist. Superintendent

## Part 2

**O**ur responsibility in a Modern World demands that we live a separated and a dedicated life. We will do well here to read I John 2:15-17 to remind ourselves of some things which we may have too long forgotten.

To live a separated and a dedicated life we **MUST** resist the encroachments of worldliness. Worldliness is legislated against in local, District and General Council constitutions. But "Worldliness" is a word without specified boundaries. It is an attitude of heart and mind. In ways it is like the weather, everyone talks about it but no one does anything about it. The difference is, we can't do anything about the weather, but everyone of us can and must do something about worldliness. But will we? That is the fateful question.

Some were amazed at certain reactions on the General Council floor last September. They seemed to stem from objections to an article in the September 1 issue of *The Evangel* "There Is Beauty In Holiness" by Carl Brumbach. Now, I've read that article and must confess I can't find too much with which to disagree. It seems to be a fair restatement of some

of the things we have preached through the years — so far as it goes. If I have any objections, it is because it was not complete enough in its assault upon our declensions. I'm unwilling to admit the chief evidences of encroaching worldliness are in the unnatural color on the face or the jewelry in the ears of some of our ladies. I feel just as real charges could be laid against the men. Again, I deplore the focusing upon certain folk in our C.A., W.M.C. and S.S. staffs the charge that they have not been too close to the altar. No area of church life can be said to be entirely free of persons who are incompletely consecrated. Why, I could name you a few pastors who would declare they have some deacons who need to go to the altar! And, I say it with reluctance, but I have to sorrowfully admit there are a few preachers who need to kneel down at the cross again. Perhaps we should be reminded that when we begin to "compare ourselves by ourselves we are not wise."

Worldliness may seem difficult of definition but all of us know what worldliness is. And we know that no amount of excising the outer habit

and practice will change the inner wrong-being which causes the wrong-doing. "Out of the heart are the issues of life."

But let us face it. Our friend, Dr. Tozer, in this same September 1 issue of *The Evangel* also writes, "This changed attitude toward the world has had and is having its effect upon Christians — even Gospel Christians who profess the faith of the Bible. By a curious juggling of the figures they manage to add up the column wrong and yet claim to have the right answer. It sounds fantastic but it is true! "It is strange how a fact may remain fixed while our interpretations of the fact change with the generations and the years."

Right here I feel we should observe that we surely need to maturely consider the prime difference between **COMPROMISE** and **ADJUSTMENT**. There is a difference you know. To my mind, **COMPROMISE** implies the going away from scriptural doctrines, practices and the great moral principles established on the biblical authority. **ADJUSTMENT** on the other hand implies coming to sensibly, naturally, and properly accept the manners and customs of the day in which we live which do not contravene either Scripture nor moral principle. Some of us have not recognized this and therefore have suffered some very disconcerting disillusionments.

Since we are all creatures of habit we have a real tendency to resist change and worse still, to consider that to which we are unaccustomed mostly sinful.

Just to get things into proper perspective let me refresh your memory concerning some of the changes we



# RESPONSIBILITY

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# MODERN WORLD



Leonard Palmer

ve gone through in forty years of Pentecostal history. Mostly these are the field of adjustments but some fear are compromise.

Can you recall when we had no Sunday Schools? Until we realized the Church must not only evangelize, it also teach. Then, we were not going to use Sunday School literature. Why, that was where modernists had gotten their foothold in the old line denominations from which we had severed ourselves. So we came with our Bibles and the teacher stood up with his Bible and gave us orally his interpretation of Scripture — which we would never have received had he written it out and sent it over to class. Finally, we learned that to be consistent it was true that men could write fundamental interpretations of truth in lesson helps even though others wrote modernism. Soon thereafter was born the great publishing house that has been a blessing to our Movement for years; and then the tremendous Sunday School program which has been the right arm of evangelism for many an assembly.

There was that matter of organization. Those early Pentecostal prophets were free! They were never going to be under another denominational yoke of bondage. No Bishop or superintendent was going to limit their liberties. They wouldn't even look deacons in the local church. We have a few of their spiritual descendants today, I fear.)

But gradually events compelled the brethren, for the sake of protecting their work, to organize. No Superintendent though! Until 1927 he was simply the CHAIRMAN. Gradually we learned that small groups of dedicated people by working together

could perform great feats for God.

Then there was the matter of Bible Schools! Only 25 or 30 years ago one was scarcely considered Pentecostal if he had attended a Pentecostal Bible School even. Wise-cracking preachers referred to them as "theological ceme-taries". All that has changed. Now the Movement maintains 8 Bible Colleges in USA and 56 in foreign lands. Perhaps we have decided that ignorance is not bliss.

Coming down to the "clothes" line. Can you remember when it was holiness not to wear a necktie? To wear hidden pins or snap fasteners instead of unsanctified buttons? Do you recall that once to be sober meant wearing dark or drab colors? No nice bright dresses, coats, shirts or blouses? Can you recall when it was a sin to wear silk hose, even dark ones, although the skirts came to the ankles. Does your memory serve to recall the many lashings out against short dresses and slacks? Do you remember when all jewelry, even cheap costume jewelry, was completely taboo? When sanctified women didn't wear even a wedding ring? Today one wonders if perhaps some haven't made a very real compromise instead of an adjustment when he sees the lavish use of gold, silver, diamonds, ornaments and costly array quite definitely spoken against in Scripture.

Again, can you remember when, if you wanted to see the pastor go up in powder, you ladies would come to church with a powder puff? And as for perfume, no Christian woman would use that. Its use came from women in the 'red-light' district. Of course, that is all changed now. Then there was the question of short hair. Even the women preachers gave their

sisters a bad time about that. And as for permanent waves, if you dared come to church with one that was a certain signal for the preacher and all the holy members to give you a "permanent wave." Now we have decided a bit of good grooming becomes women professing godliness, and many of the ladies are glad for St. Paul's permission "if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God."

I was reared in the midwest a long way from swimming places and was brought up to believe mixed bathing was sinful. Now many have adjusted even to this! But I'm not certain I don't still feel it's beyond the pale of righteousness.

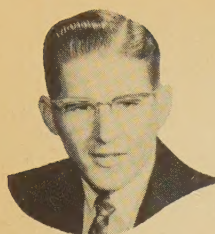
Visual education is something it took us a long time to come to, especially the use of moving pictures. We'd have none of them. Did a picture move? Then it was of the devil, per se. Now, adjustment has made us realize that proper use of this modern invention can be a blessing in educational, promotional, and missionary fields. That does not say we endorse the wild wickedness of Hollywood's production. Never!

Some of you can recall how in early days life insurance was considered gambling on one's life. Many of you no doubt dropped policies that later on would have been of great value to you. Now greater knowledge and more maturity have shown us that insurance is not only one of the best investments but also a very equitable way in which we can help our brother when he is in the hour of great need.

An early generation considered Sunday the Christian Sabbath instead

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## Editorially Speaking ...

### STANDARDS OF WORSHIP

Variety is the spice of life they say and certainly the world would be a morbid place without it. Perhaps the world's most illustrative example of variety is the human race itself. No one could question the fact that there are all kinds of people — people that fill every conceivable description. This vast throng known as "humanity" has a universal tendency to categorize itself simply because different things appeal to different people. Thus our various strata of society appear.

We in America have had a tendency to divide ourselves into three main groups, namely the high, low and middle classes. Because of this and because we as a Pentecostal movement have been keenly aware of the great commission that says in compelling words, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to 'every' creature" we have considered it our responsibility to at least attempt to reach every class in our society.

Due to the fact that we have attempted to appeal to the varieties of humanity we find ourselves with a great variety of churches within our own movement. Someone has stated that there is as much difference between some of our churches as there is between night and day. They differ in worship, organization, policy and aggressiveness — some are known for being overly free in worship, others appear to be extremely conservative and formal. While these extremities, in some cases, may appear to be non-advantageous to us as an organization, the fact that these extremities exist shows the sovereignty of our church congregations. Such sovereignties are privileged freedoms that we as a movement have maintained since our beginning. As long as churches are inhabited by people there will be variety of program. And as long as our churches maintain themselves as sovereign organisms there will be even more variety.

However, though we have given ourselves these privileges we must be cautious lest our liberties carry us beyond our first objectives. If we are to maintain a strong and true Pentecostal witness in a world of varied societies we need to consistently remind ourselves of some basic principles that must be standard among us. Namely, our services should be characterized by a warm spirit of worship; our singing should carry the zest and vibrance of our Pentecostal testimony; our praying should reveal our concern for the problems of people with a confident faith in the all sufficient Lord who can meet every need. There should be an obvious atmosphere of genuine concern among the members of the congregation for the salvation of each sinner that enters the doors of the church. There needs to be Bible centered preaching under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

We must maintain our old fashioned neighbor to neighbor cordiality that makes the stranger feel a warm glow of Christian fellowship.

These characteristics and perhaps others, no matter what element of society we reach, are vital necessities to the strength and quality of our Pentecostal witness.

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# The Chaplain . . .

## MISSIONARY TO THE MILITARY

by Joseph L. Gerhart

**QUESTION—How do you look at the army chaplaincy as a ministry?**

**GERHART—** I believe the days I served on active duty as an Army Chaplain were among the most fruitful of my whole ministry. This was primarily during World War II combat where it was so easy to lead souls to Christ for salvation. In many instances salvation beat death only by a few days, hours or minutes. Obviously peace time active duty Chaplaincy also affords a "Zealous-for-Christ" Chaplain many opportunities to win souls. Our Assemblies of God Chaplains are indicating great results on their reports which come to my desk regularly.

**QUESTION—What are the responsibilities of a chaplain?**

**GERHART—** The Army Chaplain's duties are defined by Federal Laws. *First*, his work must be that of a minister of his own denomination, not only teaching the concepts of his church but living them in his every day life. He is allowed to have as many services of his own denomination as his schedule will permit as long as they are announced as denominational service. *Second*, the law requires that each Protestant Chaplain shall conduct a general Protestant service at least once a week. This, of course is to give religious coverage for personnel of all different denominations. At the general Protestant service, the Chaplain may be very evangelistic and preach salvation through the shed blood of Christ but he would be expected to leave the teachings peculiar to his denomination to a meeting announced for a denominational service. *Third*, he cannot, according to law, be assigned any duties other than those duties that have to do with his work as a spiritual leader. He should feel a sense of responsibility to the commander of his unit for the moral and spiritual welfare of the personnel of the command and counsel with the commander concerning this matter.

We might sum up these responsibilities by saying that this **MISSIONARY** to Military personnel must be a

bright and shining light, often surrounded by heavy darkness showing the way to eternal salvation through the shed blood of Christ our Lord. This must be done by preaching, teaching, personal work, and living the life.

**QUESTION—How much have the Assemblies of God entered into the chaplaincy?**

**GERHART—** The Assemblies of God had between 30 and 40 chaplains at one time serving in the Army, Air Force, and Navy. From the Chief of Chaplains' offices we have heard many wonderful commendations concerning the work of these men of God. The Assemblies of God established a service Men's Department which did much to encourage these Chaplains in their enlistment, in their work and with their supplies.

**QUESTION—Why don't we have more chaplains?**

**GERHART—** I would like to divide this answer into 3 parts:

- a) *Consecration.* It is not an easy decision to make to leave your family, friends, church, and in fact, all that is dear to you to go into the horrors of war not knowing which minute might be your last here on earth; Or knowing that if you did return you could be diseased or maimed for life.
- b) *Qualifications.* When I entered the Chaplaincy, two degrees were required. At that time there were not too many among us who could qualify under this law. In fact, I sent my wife and children to my wife's parents' home to live, while I went off to complete my second degree in seminary. Even with two degrees (B.A. and B.D.) more and more learning is required. My experience at Harvard University, chaplains' course where I studied Army procedures, pastoral counselling, accounting, administration, organization, human relations, etc., proved to be of much value in the service.

Other qualifications are endorsements of the denomination, good



Pictured with reserve chaplain Gerhart center are, Chaplain Stannard and Chaplain Simon of Fort Ord. The distinguished looking Sergeant on the cover with Rev. Gerhart is S. F. C. Walter Westly, Company "A" Second Battle Group Brigade of the United States Army.

### MILITARY CHAPLAINS OF OUR DISTRICT

#### ACTIVE DUTY

Clarence P. Smales  
Major — Air Force  
Dudley Q. Boyd  
Major — Army  
John A. Lindvall  
Major — Army  
Richard Hartman  
1st Lt. — Army  
Jules Ballas  
1st Lt. — Army

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Frank W. Smith  
Major — Air Force  
Donald F. Lehmann  
Major — Army  
James A. Duguid  
Major — Army  
Joseph L. Gerhart  
Major — Army

physical condition,, and emotional stability.

- c) *Allocation.* The number of Chaplains allowed each denomination depends upon the total number of church members the denomination reports. It is therefore important that each church take full liberty to report as many members as possible on the annual reports to the District and General Council. Since many denominations consider infants and children members as

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by OLIVER L. FOTH

CHAIRMAN OF B.B.C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

# Why Bethany Dese

a message of vital importance to the me

**O**ur Bible Schools have been the salvation of our Assemblies of God movement" . . . these were the words of our General Secretary, J. Roswell Flower in a message he gave recently in Santa Cruz. No statement could have been more timely or apropos in the light of recent developments within the Educational system of our nation or the challenge and task that is facing us as the Assemblies of God.

Never in the history of our nation has so much stress been placed upon education as at the present time. The danger the United States faces from without has suddenly focused attention on the need for an immediate acceleration of education in Mathematics and the Sciences. We are in the agonizing throes of the re-appraisal of our entire Education System as we compare it favorably or unfavorably to that of the Russian Soviets. From the natural point of view our national survival may depend upon what is done about this educational problem.

Whether we realize it or not, a certain parallel exists in the spiritual life of our own Assemblies of God movement. Christian movements or denominations have often risen or fallen on the strength of their Bible Colleges or Seminaries. Bible Training Schools have frequently been a fountain-head of great blessing and have given tremendous spiritual impetus to a movement. On the other hand, in some instances, they have been the spawning ground for liberalism and modernism. Eventually, this resulted in the reaping of an awful harvest of heretical theology and apostasy in the con-

gregation of those particular religious groups. We cannot but view this pattern of the past with the deepest interest and concern.

Our Assemblies of God Movement is exactly what our people are. No magic wand can touch the name "Assemblies of God" and give it a spiritual halo unless we Assemblies of God people are a truly spiritual people. And our people, generally speaking, rise no higher than we as Assemblies of God ministers lead them. In turn, our ministers, for the most part, are being fashioned in our Bible Colleges. Just as the very existence of our future as a nation is dependent upon the strength and effectiveness of our Educational System. Likewise *the Assemblies of God movement of tomorrow is going to be exactly what our Bible Schools are today!* It is therefore incumbent upon every church, every minister and every member in every Assembly of God to maintain an active interest in our Bible Colleges. Our spiritual life is at stake! Our national survival demands that we maintain a keen interest in our Academic Educational System. Certainly eternal values, spiritual survival and the continued growth of this movement which has been so infused with the Holy Spirit of God, should transcend any natural interest we might have.

Many of us have come to realize what a really excellent Bible College we have right in our own Northern California and Nevada District. BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE has been and is one of the very life-lines of our District. I was very greatly im-

pressed in one of the sessions of our recent District Council in Richmond when the Ministers and Delegates who were graduates either of Glad Tidings Bible Institute or Bethany Bible College (G. T.'s successor) were asked to stand. Scores of them arose, their contribution to the growth and development of this District has been remarkable. What has gone into these Ministers' lives and ministries through training in Glad Tidings Bible Institute of yesterday and Bethany Bible College of today has already been multiplied many times over by the souls saved, prepared for eternity and the quality of believers produced in our churches. What has been done in the past is also being done at the present. Too, it must be continued in the future at an accelerated pace if we are to preserve what God has so graciously given us, and if we are to do the exploits God intended us to accomplish in this District.

Now we have come to a vitally important crossroads in the development of *our* School. Not since moving to its Santa Cruz location have so many students been enrolled. Facilities are being taxed to the limit. B. B. C. stands on the threshold of full accreditation. "*Bethany*" has no other place to go except to go forward! But in order to do this the School must have the interest and support of every one of us.

Some repairs and improvements had to be made last fall and this winter. They were imperative. Other improvements urgently need to be made right now. A stronger loan liquidation program is vitally necessary. Because of





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this multiple situation, the Advisory Board of Bethany Bible College, comprising 30 Assemblies of God Business Men and Women in this District, made a very comprehensive study of B.B.C.'s need and gave their recommendations to the Annual Meeting of the B.B.C. Corporation on January 22nd of this year. Our District Officer, our 16 District Presbyters, and the 11 additional members of the B.B.C. Board of Directors make up the membership of the Corporation. From these recommendations, the members of B.B.C. Corporation voted unanimously to present to the 1958 District Council at Richmond a concrete program embracing the liquidation of the past indebtedness of B.B.C. and the urgently needed repairs and expansion of some of the present facilities. In turn, the District Council in session at Richmond voted overwhelmingly to endorse this financial program for B.B.C.

This Financial Plan is simplicity in itself. It has two phases:

(1) The securing of a \$165,000.00 loan . . . said loan proceeds to be impounded and used explicitly for the items authorized. Namely:

(A) STUDENT CENTER (including additional dormitory rooms)	\$30,000.00
(B) SEWERAGE	14,000.00
(C) REPAIRS (Roofs and Showers)	10,800.00
(D) SHOP	3,000.00
(E) FURNISHINGS (Class-rooms & Infirmary)	2,200.00

(F) BOOKKEEPING MACHINE	5,000.00
(G) COMPLETE TRAILER PARK AREA, 12 Stalls	2,200.00
(H) ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	25,000.00
(I) OUTSTANDING LOANS	73,000.00
	<hr/> \$165,000.00

(2) The second phase of the Financial Plan is the "BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE LIVING ENDOWMENT FUND." Each church in our District is urged to make a *regular monthly contribution* to this fund "according to its ability" in order that the loan may be repaid and that Bethany Bible College may be met. Every Bible College, College or University of which we know must be aided or subsidized in some manner when repairs on existing equipment or buildings are necessary or when there is a need for the expansion of facilities. Bethany Bible College is no exception. We have no wealthy donors who give large grants of money to B.B.C. BUT, WE DO HAVE THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCHES AND PASTORS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA & NEVADA who have always shown a faithful concern and have given unstintingly where there has been a genuine need. Brethren, this is a *genuine need*. By each church's giving a *regular monthly contribution* "according to its ability" this need can be

met! Pentecost is *OUR* heritage to protect and preserve! These are *OUR* young people! They are studying in *OUR* school! They will be *OUR* pastors and evangelists in a few short years. Certainly you and I must have a part in the "LIVING ENDOWMENT OF BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE!"

Initial Report on Pledges to "BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE LIVING ENDOWMENT FUND"		
as reported by Sectional Presbyters, March 19th		
COAST COUNTIES		Monthly
Raymond Murray, Presbyter		
Hollister		\$10.00
Salinas (Alisal)		5.00
Salinas (Calvary)		10.00
Santa Cruz (First)		15.00
Soquel		5.00
CONTRA COSTA		
R. A. Work, Presbyter		
Concord		10.00
Pinole		5.00
EAST BAY		
James E. Swanson, Presbyter		
Berkeley		15.00
Castro Valley		10.00
Hayward		20.00
Livermore		1.00
Oakland (Calvary)		30.00
Oakland (Evangel)		5.00
Oakland (Grace)		3.00
Newark		10.00
Richmond (Central)		25.00
PENINSULA		
Carl Curtwright, Presbyter		
Burlingame		7.50
Cupertino		(\$100.00 yearly)
San Francisco (Glad Tidings) (1% of Gen. Fund)		5.00
San Francisco (Sunset)		5.00
San Jose (Bethel)		(\$250.00 yearly)
San Jose (First)		15.00
Sunnyvale (First)		(\$175.00 yearly)
Sunnyvale (Glad Tidings)		2.00
South San Francisco		5.00
OTHERS		
Fresno (Full Gospel Temple)		25.00
Total		monthly (approximately) \$310.00

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There are 325 churches in N. Calif. and Nevada! Our GOAL is \$3,000 per month!

It can easily be reached if each church helps "according to its ability."



# An Easter Message by Billy Graham

## THE MIRACLE OF

BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE TO BEGIN APRIL 27 IN  
SAN FRANCISCO'S COW PALACE

**E**aster Sunday morning, all over the world, church bells will ring out the message: "Christ is risen today!" The distinctiveness of the Christian religion lies in the fact that its Leader, Jesus Christ, rose from the dead. No other religion can boast of such uniqueness. This great fact has been attested to in the greatest book ever written, the Bible. It says, *Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day.*

The miracle of Easter cannot always be proved by logic and rationalization. Knowledge is best gained not by abstract argument but by personal experience. For example, falling in love; you can't fully understand it until you fall in love yourself.

Just so, the thrilling truth of Easter is more often experienced than explained. It is only those who know the presence of Christ in their own lives and have been partakers of His resurrection glory who can say with assurance, "The Lord is risen indeed!"

As the Easter bells in the churches and cathedrals around the world sound, not the death knell of a dead Christ, but the victorious chime of a living Lord, those majestic words, *He is risen*, come with deeper meaning this year than ever before. War clouds are hanging low. The world is filled with fear, strife, differences, and hatreds. In my trip around the world this past year, I found pessimism everywhere, even among the world's leaders. Only among those who have discovered Easter's secret was there a note of triumph, victory, and optimism. The world may be groping and floundering in its confusion and bewilderment, but there is one ray of

hope that shines on the horizon — the glorious fact that Christ is risen. In the light of His resurrection, clouds of fear and confusion can flee.

During Napoleon's Austrian campaign, his army had advanced to within six miles of a small Austrian town called Feldrich. The Austrian army was far away, and it looked as if Napoleon would take Feldrich without a fragment of resistance. But as the French advanced during the night, the Christians at Feldrich gathered in the little church to pray. Hour after hour, the people besought God to save their little town. It was Easter eve. The next morning at sunrise, the bells of the village pealed out across the countryside. The French, not realizing it was Easter Sunday, thought the Austrian army had moved into Feldrich in the night, and that the bells were ringing in jubilation. Napoleon ordered a retreat — and the battle of Feldrich never took place. The bells of Easter had brought peace to the Austrian countryside.

The Easter bells can bring new life and new hope not only to the world but to you, personally. For the followers of Christ, Easter was the difference between abject failure and glorious victory. Before the resurrection they were in retreat. Peter had denied Him. Judas had betrayed Him. And the rest had fled to hide themselves in fear. They had seen their Leader whipped, dragged out to Calvary, and crucified; they had every reason to doubt that He was the Son of God, as He had said. But three days later, their crucified Lord appeared among them in real flesh, alive. They saw Him; they touched His wounds; they heard Him say: *Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.* And from that first Easter

Sunday, they went out with new courage and boldness to proclaim a message of hope that transformed the entire world.

Today we live in a world that is shaken by fear and doubt. The further we get from the resurrection, the closer we come to destruction, and it is up to each one of us to choose between them. The words "Christ or Chaos" express an alternative that we must act upon — but fast! To the discerning heart, the Easter bells are saying, "Peace be unto you." Christ is saying, "Because I survived the worst that evil could offer, you, too, can triumph over every foe — if you let the power of Easter flow through you."

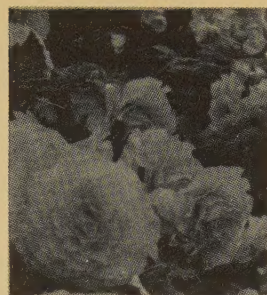
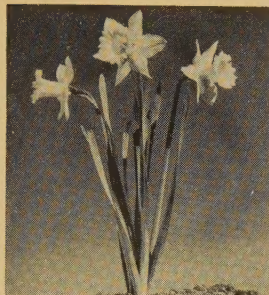
Easter also brought an end to loneliness. It was the risen Christ who said, *Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.* God did not create men to live in unbearable solitude. Christ, through His life, death, and resurrection, provided an effective cure for the inherent loneliness of man. He restored man's lost fellowship with God and bridged forever the gap of human loneliness.

Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, once said to her then wayward son, "No one, my son, is very far from God." Through Christ, God has become reachable — infinitely near to those who seem farthest away. Easter meant that God would never leave men alone again. There are thousands of lonely people who never know the handclasp of a friend, or the smile of a loved one; yet among these are men and women who cannot feel themselves alone — because they are close to the risen Christ. He can be closer to you, too, than anyone you have ever known.





# EASTER



The Easter bells also peal out the message of immortality. For centuries, death had held men in its vice-like grip. But around the door of Christ's tomb bloomed the white lilies of immortality. His words, *Because I live, ye shall live also*, reverses death's decree and opens the gates of blissful eternity for everyone who has His life in them. Paul, facing a martyr's death in Rome, sang triumphantly *O death where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?*

Death stalks men relentlessly, cuts them off in the prime of life and in the midst of their most exciting work; on the horizon of every man is the shadow of death. But in Easter's message there is hope that those who believe in Him shall some day rise from the dead. To the genuine Christian, death has lost its fear and sting. Always fresh in his mind is Christ's promise: *I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live*. Because He lives, we have the hope that we shall live also.

But lastly, the message of the Easter bells is one of triumph over human iniquities. The great world problems — human poverty and misery, hunger, hate, confusion, terror — are only reflections of individual problems. We'd all like to live up to the ideals of the Sermon on the Mount, but when we try, we find ourselves lacking capacity and power to attain His ideals. His death and resurrection is our answer; you must be born again so that you, too, can be provided with a supernatural power to live a devoted and committed life.

Dr. Pusey, President of Harvard University, recently said, "The whole world is searching for a creed to believe and for a song to sing."

Jean Sartre, the great French philosopher, has urged men everywhere to get a set of values or a standard of some kind and commit themselves to it. Let Christ be that creed, that standard! Commit yourself to Him! Let that song be His Easter message. When the bells of Easter ring out their message this spring, let Christ be risen in your heart — that you may share in bringing His peace to the world.

## Our Responsibility

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of the Lord's Day. We make no brief for the deterioration of the restfulness that is expected to accompany the day of worship. But surely all are today aware of a vastly changed series of circumstances which has changed the twentieth century christian's attitude toward the Lord's Day.

Many of you can recall the pulpit blasts against the radio. It was an agent of Satan to lead immortal souls to hell! Then one day you got a letter from a brother who had been so vehemently opposed to radios pleading, "Tell your folks all to tune in on Sunday at 8:30. My family and I will be singing and preaching on the radio." "P. S. 'Could you have them send us an offering to help pay for the broadcast?'"

Finally, there came the television. Preachers promptly nicknamed it "Hellelevision!" That was hell's final victory for sure. Why, all the old shows our people had been coached against all these years could be seen right in their own homes now. Pastors, evangelists, laymen, district councils — all of them took a dim view of this new god sitting in our people's living rooms at whose altar they might worship. Over in Stockton an evangelist announced as he stood up in a

local pulpit for the first time, "Bless God, I knew the devil was in this town as soon as I got here. I saw his horns sticking out of the roofs of your houses." That night one of the laymen came to church and said to the pastor, "You know, brother, I went home and tuned on the devil — and out popped Oral Roberts!" Yes, friend, television is here to stay! We aren't even going to get it out of the saints' homes. But if we are consecrated and mature christians we will learn discrimination for it just as we have for radio and for our reading. There is a button on it for turning it off, you know.

Lastly, I would remind you there was a day when we would never have recognized our WMC. Preachers lashed out against the Lazy Aid. They ridiculed the dear sisters' attempt to help the poor Lord out. Such gatherings were labeled gossiping societies. We would have none of them! Then we found out the ladies would talk anyway — they're just like the men — so we figured they might as well be doing something useful while they were talking. Now these dear sisters have turned out a prodigious record of work, relief, projects for home and foreign missions and in two years nearly 2 million dollars for worldwide missions.

Do you think these adjustments have made you less Pentecostal than you were? I doubt it.

Here I must mention certain evidences of the worldly attitude which prevails all too generally, though. There is an intrusion of the worldly spirit in careless double-talk; light conversation about things which are not convenient which tend to destroy the keen edge of spiritual experience.

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# Glad Tidings

M A G A Z I N E

Paul A. Kienel  
Editor

*"One of the nation's oldest and finest District Publications"*

April, 1958

Dear readers of Glad Tidings Magazine:

The editors of Glad Tidings have one goal in common. Each month, it is our wish to provide you with the best magazine we can create - in variety, in district information, in spiritual inspiration and in helpful service.

We like nothing better than the opportunity of making Glad Tidings ever more satisfying to you. To pursue that goal, the time has now come when we must announce an increase in our price. Rising costs of paper and printing are partly responsible, of course. Effective with this issue the individual subscription price becomes \$2.00 per year and \$5.00 for three years. This decision was made official by the District Council in session on February 27th.

Each of us on the Glad Tidings staff is pleased by the opportunities that lie ahead, made possible by this price increase. We hope you will see in this month's magazine evidence of what we have in mind and an indication of good things to come.

It is our prayer that Glad Tidings Magazine will continue to be a source of blessing and help to people of our great district.

Yours in His service,

*Paul A. Kienel*



# THE CHAPLAIN

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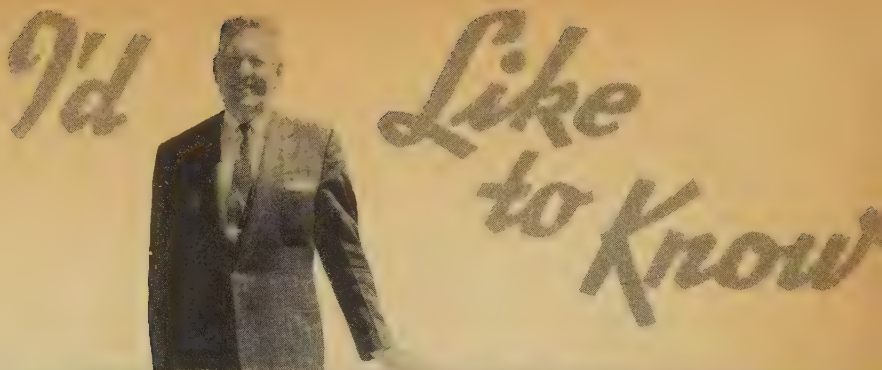
soon as they are baptized, they are able to report many more members than we can. We can help this situation by encouraging born again church attenders who are qualified for church membership to join the church.

**QUESTION**—What do you think about serving in the Reserves?

**GERHART**—When I was to be separated from active duty back in 1947, the General Council requested me to stay in the Reserves to safeguard our open door into the Chaplaincy. After much prayer, I decided to do as was requested, and I have been doing my part to keep the Assemblies of God represented in the Chaplaincy ever since that time. I find the Reserves very profitable inasmuch as I have a good ministry among the men and women with whom I serve. I was assigned to a General Hospital Unit where I have served these many years as the Senior Chaplain and on the Hospital Staff. I have a Southern Baptist Chaplain and a Roman Catholic Chaplain who serve with me. I have been able to represent our movement in an official capacity time after time on important occasions. I have been able to have and hold the respect of the doctors, nurses and enlisted men of the Unit and to serve as that shining light pointing them to our Saviour. I was recently introduced, when giving a lecture, by our Executive Officer, who is a Lt. Colonel and a well known Attorney in the Bay Area, by these kind words, "If I were to be a minister, I would want to be one exactly like Chaplain Gerhart". For this expression, I am most humble and grateful. Pray that I shall always be able to so impress them and help them.

I have been able to assist many of our Assemblies of God young men as they face the decisions which they must make concerning their military obligation. For this I am also happy.

Some have asked, does not this Reserve duty take too much of your time? No, it does not. Occasionally there are District functions which occur on my regular Army meeting night but I am usually able to be excused from the Army meeting. The inconvenience is very slight in comparison



*By Leland R. Keys*

**Q.** "What about the time lapse between verses one and two in the first chapter of Genesis? Could there have been anything between? What about prehistoric life?"

**A.** When was the beginning? We do not know. The date of 4004 B. C., as found in the margin of the Bible, is a date established by Archbishop Ussher and is in no sense a part of the divine text. "The first creative act refers to the dateless past, and gives scope for all the geologic ages." One authority states, "Should science ultimately determine on millions of years ago as the period of the creation there is nothing in this verse (verse one) of the Bible it would contradict." The facts of geology would seem to indicate that this earth is more than six thousand years old. To hold this position does no irreverence to the Word of God nor does it contradict any statement of the Word of God. It *does* make place for all the geologic ages.

to the great ministry I have for my Lord and for our movement, the Assemblies of God.

What do I do at meeting? We have two hours of lecture which in many respects is comparable to college level work. Such subjects as administration, accounting, organization, personnel management, counselling, human relations, etc. have been very helpful to me in my ministry.

When we are on our annual two week's summer duty, I conduct regular chapel services and perform all the ministries normally a part of a Chaplain's duties as outlined in a previous paragraph.

I consider myself a part-time Assemblies of God missionary to the people of the military and I'm grateful to God for his blessing upon this ministry.

**NOTE:** Brother Gerhart will be glad to answer your questions concerning the chaplaincy or any military obligations of our young men.

**Q.** "What is conviction?"

**A.** Conviction has to do with convincing and persuading. In respect to the unsaved it is the work of the Holy Spirit to convict, convince and to persuade them as to the awful reality of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. Conviction also has to do with convincing concerning error or of compelling admission of a truth. A believer may be convicted through a conscience enlightened by the Holy Ghost.

**Q.** "How do we explain the Sabbath as being changed to Sunday?"

**A.** The Sabbath has never been changed to Sunday. The Sabbath (Seventh Day) is an institution given to Israel. The Sabbath, is still in effect for those who are under the law of Moses. For *Israel*, this law has never been changed.

However, the first day of the week, being the day of the Lord's resurrection, has been the day upon which Christians have met together to "break bread," to worship the Lord, and to hear the Word of the Lord preached from the earliest days of the

We believe in the *principle* of one day's rest in seven. We believe it to be a God-established principle. The Lord's day should be kept sacred as a day for rest, from the usual pursuits of the week, as a day *especially* set aside for worship, and as a day for Christian service. We resent the inroads of secularism and materialism which rob the day of its sacred privileges and responsibilities. Christian church. See Acts 20:7.

If you wish Brother Keys to answer a question, send it to Leland R. Keys, 800 Bethany Dr., Santa Cruz, California. He will answer either in this column or by personal letter.



Dave Colbert, Director



## PUT "SPRING" IN YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The warming sun of spring brings a bud in the apple tree, shiny new grass, and the return of the robin and the blue jay. As a result, our spirits are enlivened, our hopes aroused. Life takes on new interest and meaning. You can put "spring" in your Sunday School, too! How? By sponsoring a Loyalty Campaign! The theme for this campaign is "Always Faithful." Following is a list of the dates of the campaign and the subthemes and points of emphasis for each Sunday:

- April 13 Prayer — age-level prayer meetings.
- April 20 Testimony — testimonies during the Sunday School hour, tract emphasis, and stressing personal testimonies during the week.  
Service — organizing groups for visitation work and arranging social gatherings for absentees.
- April 27 social gatherings for absentees.
- May 4 Missions — missionary education in Sunday School, reading of missionary letter and BGMC emphasis in proper age level.
- May 11 Family Devotions — special mention of family altar and fellowship during that particular week.
- May 18 Stewardship — sermon on the subject of giving and instruction in stewardship.
- May 25 Attendance — achievement awards, etc.

Enliven the interest of your Sunday School and stress faithfulness on the part of its members by having a Loyalty Campaign this spring. Remember — you can put "spring" in your Sunday School!

## SCHOOLS OF CHARACTER

By J. ROBERT ASHCROFT



Johnny can read, but Johnny doesn't know the difference between right and wrong! Who is to blame? Schools blame parents. Parents blame society!

Johnny and the rest of our children are confused. Is there any solution to this problem? How shall our young people learn the right and wrong, the good and bad, of all that they see?

There is a solution. Parents can bring up their children in the fear of the Lord. Schools can teach spiritual values. The Church can fortify our children with truth.

Assemblies of God colleges are schools of character. In our colleges special attention is paid to building character into the lives of our students. This is done by a spirit-filled faculty, God-honoring textbooks, dedicated administrations that hold to high ideals, chapel services focusing attention on noble goals. Even the pattern of living holds out an opportunity for developing a life of devotion to Christ through Bible reading, prayer hours and fellowship with other young people in the pursuit of things of the spirit.

Young people need college. Character development is often neglected in present day society. It is developed through environment and experiences. They get both of these in our colleges.

March 30 each church is urged to recognize High School Day. The purpose of this day is to encourage planning for attendance at college. If you would like additional information about our colleges, contact the Assemblies of God college nearest you or the Department of Education. We also request that the names and addresses of all high school seniors be forwarded to J. Robert Ashcroft, Department of Education, Assemblies of God, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

## Did You Know ?

That valedictorians and salutatorians of high school classes are eligible for scholarships in Assemblies of God schools?

That children of active ordained ministers and missionaries are eligible for scholarships in Assemblies of God Bible institutes and colleges?

That children of servicemen killed in World War II or Korean War are eligible for government subsidies of \$110 a month for four years of higher education in Assemblies of God colleges?

For further information on the scholarship program, address the Assemblies of God Education Department.

Don't SEND your children to Sunday School~

Bring them!



# Christ's Ambassador's



Walt Boring, D-Cap



## YOUTH CAMP SCHEDULE

- I. Redwood Camp — July 14-18  
Walt Boring, Speaker
- II. Mt. Lassen Camp — July 21 - 26  
Denny Davis, Speaker
- III. Meteor Ranch Camp—July 27-Aug. 2  
Dick Dobbins, Speaker
- IV. Santa Cruz No. 1 Camp — Aug. 3-9  
Dick Dobbins, Speaker
- V. Santa Cruz No. 2 Camp—Aug. 10-16  
Dick Dobbins, Speaker

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**REGISTER FOR YOUTH CAMP NOW!  
WRITE TO D-CAP WALT BORING  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

MR. OR MISS GRADUATING C.A. — A \$300 scholarship, good at any Assemblies of God college or Bible college, will be awarded this spring to the C. A. judged most outstanding in Christian service, character and scholarship. See the April, 1958 C. A. Herald for further details. Candidates may obtain entry blanks from the Education Department, Assemblies of God, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo.

## HOOPA - 4 TIME WINNERS

Do you ever feel sorry for yourselves, C. A. presidents, because your church and your C.A. group is small and the bigger churches always seem to win the trophy at the C.A. Rallies? Well, read this article and see what a small C.A. group, that comes from one of the most remote areas of our district has been able to do just because it caught the C.A. Rally enthusiasm.

This group is from Hoopa, California, a remote area far in the North lands of California that has been, until recently, an Indian Reservation. This group has to travel 60 miles just to get to the highway which leads to the towns where most of the C.A. Rallies are held up in the Redwood Section. But, in spite of this handicap, this group has won the trophy three times in a row and is determined to win it enough times this year to be able to keep it permanently at the year's end.

The fun began when the C.A. Rally for the Redwood Section was held in the Hoopa church and no other organized C.A. group from the section was in attendance. This meant, of course, that the trophy would go to Hoopa C.A.'s by default. The winning of the trophy on this occasion, even though by default, so stirred and excited the C.A.'s that they decided to give the whole section a good race at the next rally which was to be held at Klamath, 110 miles away. And win it they did. The next rally was at Rio Dell, 96 miles away and again the Hoopa C.A.'s took the honors. Their closest competitor was the Willow Creek C.A.'s, another small work located near Hoopa, who were only 2 points behind.

This is a tremendous example of what can be done when a fire is built in the midst of a group of Christ's Ambassadors by setting a goal before them. Rev. Phil Lyon is the Pastor.

### CALL TO ACTION

Care not, young friend, what others say or do;  
Hear Jesus whisper, "I have need of you."  
Respond with gladness. Do not hesitate.  
In Christ, secure, there is no need to wait.  
Say not, "Rough is the road. Dark is the way."  
Trust Jesus to transform your night to day.

Advance with steady stride and friendly hand.  
Make sure there is foundation where you stand.  
Be strong and of good courage. Trust the Lord.  
Against all evil use the Spirit's sword.  
Seek guidance of God's Word and, when obtained,  
Stand forth and, by the Holy Spirit sustained,  
Administer the business of the King,  
Determining Him first in everything.  
Oh hasten, youth. Be quick with your response.  
Redeem the time! You pass this way but once!

—Alvy E. Ford.





## News From Our Churches --

### BELL CITY --

Evangelist Florence Boucher ministered from a wheelchair during a three week revival recently. The next meeting will be in Lompoc, California. Rev. D. Brown is pastor in Bell City.

### BRODERICK --

Pastor Paul Seaberg reports a marked growth in Sunday School attendance.

### CALISTOGA --

The North Bay Fellowship meeting held here Feb. 17 heard speakers Ruben A. Wilson, Sr. and L. R. Anderson. P. R. Ford is presbyter.

### COVELO --

Richard Jeffers is the new pastor.

### DALY CITY --

John F. Houck from the Oregon District has been elected pastor.

### HALF MOON BAY --

Pastor James McMenis reports an excellent meeting with Pastor T. F. Sandry.

### HERLONG --

In a recent revival with Warren Parker and Bill Young a number were saved and received the Baptism. Doyle Young is pastor.

### MODESTO --

South Assembly reports five saved and two received the Baptism in a recent Sunday night service. J. W. Sandlin is pastor.

### MOUNTAIN VIEW --

The new address of Pastor Virgil Christian, Calvary Assembly (formerly of Carmichael) is 1880 California Street. Five youths of C.A. age were reported saved on a recent Sunday.

### LAYTONVILLE --

Lake and Mendocino Fellowship meeting was held Feb. 10. Evangelist Kenneth Roper was the afternoon

speaker and Pastor Kenneth Bird of Willits brought the evening message. A fellowship dinner was served by the church. J. R. Edgar is presbyter.

### NORTHLAND --

Our new C.E.F. Church and Sunday School continues to climb. W. O. Viokery is pastor.

### OAKLAND --

Bethel Temple Fulton Buntain reports a new high in their Sunday School of 185. Soon new facilities will be needed for the growing congregation.

### OAKLAND --

Calvary Temple and Pastor Oliver Foth enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist Jerry Fry of Santa Anna March 9-23.

### PALO ALTO --

Gospel Lighthouse Church was host to the Peninsula Fellowship Meeting March 10. Pastor Oliver Foth was the afternoon speaker and Pastor J. Boyd Wolverton of Richmond brought the evening message. Carl E. Curtright is Presbyter.

### SACRAMENTO --

Bethel Temple Pastor Clyde Benson was convention speaker at the Oregon District Council held in Salem, Oregon in February.

### SAN FRANCISCO --

Glad Tidings Temple enjoyed guest speaker Dr. Oswald J. Smith pastor of People's Church, Toronto, March 6. An Educational Emphasis Crusade was held in the Temple recently by Dr. W. E. Scott, son of Pastor W. T. Scott of Oroville.

### SAN JOSE --

Bethel Church held its yearly training course April 7-11 with Oakland pastor Oliver Foth as teacher. Bethany Bible College students brought the

music for C.A. and evening service March 9. Thomas Sutton is Pastor.

### SAN JOSE --

Calvary Temple heard guest speakers Chaplain John Lindvall and Dr. Oswald Smith recently. T. Kermitt Jeffery, pastor.

### UKIAH --

Lake and Mendocino Section Fellowship meeting was held March 9 with Ruben A. Wilson Sr. speaker. The pastor is J. R. Edgar.

### LIVERMORE --

Pastor John F. Green reports 41 in their growing Sunday School on March 9.

### GRIDLEY --

During the month of January we had a very successful revival meeting with Evangelist Edwin Kramer, of Lodi. During the two weeks twenty were refilled with the Holy Spirit, and all attending were blessed by the anointed preaching of this young man. I also wish to report that a Worker's Training course, Operation Sunday School, was conducted by Bro. Kramer, March 3-7. While the course was held in Biggs, it was a co-operative effort of the Biggs and Gridley churches. Fifty workers earned certificates. The enrollment was fifty-six. Hazen E. Chester, Pastor.

### BORN TO --

Missionaries Paul and Ileen Cooper, Cheryl Doreen, March 7.

Pastor and Mrs. Robert J. Harrison, Adrienne Michele, Feb. 11.

### MARRIED --

Bea Curtright and John Bevvly at the First Assembly of God, South San Francisco on Feb. 22.

Naomi Prinzing and Arlen Becker at the Assembly of God in Lodi, March 15.

### GEORGE EFFMAN --

Reverend George Effman President of our district's American Indian Fellowship has recently been appointed to the Indian Affairs Commission of the Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches. The American Indian Fellowship has been officially organized as a district department.



## Bethany Bible College

# CAMPUS DAY

Saturday, May 3

Special Program

All high school age young people  
and their pastors invited



800 Bethany Drive, Santa Cruz, California





GOLDIA ANDERSON, President



District W.M.C. President Goldia Anderson preaching Sunday morning February 23rd in Hanford, Calif.

## 1958

### W.M.C. RETREAT

#### SCHEDULE

Mt. Lassen  
July 28 - Aug. 1

Redwood  
Aug. 4 - 8

Bass Lake  
Aug. 11 - 15

Bethany Park  
Aug. 18 - 22

Enjoy . . .

- Leadership classes
- Missionette day
- Work shops
- Inspirational  
Missionary  
Messages

### JARS JARS JARS

Various W.M.C. groups and churches have contributed fruit in jars to B. B. C. Now the College has hundreds of jars to spare. If your group needs canning jars, contact:

BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE  
800 Bethany Dr.  
Santa Cruz California

## The New . . .

# "COOPERATIVE PLAN"

Important information for all W.M.C. members concerning W.M.C. giving.

You have heard, no doubt, about the new "Cooperative Plan" for denominational giving and credit which was adopted by the last General Council. This new plan provides that the local assembly shall receive credit for all offerings given by all departments of the local church to all approved national and district-sponsored missionaries and projects.

In order for your assembly to receive credit for all offerings given by your Women's Missionary Council, or other group (organized or not) your offerings must be reported in one or more of the following three ways:

1. Cash offerings sent to General Headquarters departments will be credited to the church as heretofore.

2. Cash offerings given direct to missionaries and field representatives *will be reported by the recipients.* This point will also apply to cash offerings sent to benevolent homes, educational institutions, district projects and any other approved national or district - sponsored project for which cash offerings are given direct and not sent to headquarters. *All of these offerings will be reported to headquarters by the recipients.*

3. Cash value of new materials purchased for missionaries or other approved projects and related expenditures, such as packaging, crating, trucking, freight, postage and/or any other transportation charges. Such expenditures, which cannot be reported by the recipient, must be reported quarterly to the *district WMC president, who will send a report quarterly to the National WMC Department.*

Point 3 is the one which we need to consider most thoughtfully, inasmuch as a large per cent of the total amount given by the Women's Mis-

sionary Council each year is in this category — the purchasing of gifts and equipment for missionary, district and regional use, and the postage or shipping charges to transport it to its destination. The only possible way these amounts can be counted for credit is for you to report them quarterly to your district WMC president.

The same method will be followed for determining the cash value of such materials, as has been in use in WMC procedure: only the amount of cash actually spent is to be reported. No evaluation is to be made on used materials, but any cash spent for shipping good relief materials will be allowed. The question has sometimes been asked: "Should we report the retail value of a finished product, or must we report only the money we spend to buy the materials? Our answer has always been that only the cash actually spent is to be reported. We recognize that women can do ingenious things with a needle and thread or other simple materials. But we are sure it is not the purpose of the WMC's to place a monetary value on their time and work, but rather to count only the money they have actually paid out.

Report forms are being prepared in your National WMC Office for your quarterly reporting. They will be sent to you by your district president. These report forms will reach you in time for your first quarter's report. Your report each quarter should be in the office of your district president by the fifth of each month following the close of a quarter. In the meantime be sure to keep accurate records of all your giving under all three points listed above, giving careful attention to the items under point 3.





## OUR CHURCH NEEDS

### NO MONEY!

Isn't it great? OUR CHURCH NEEDS NO MONEY! We can get along without it, if only you will cooperate! Certainly you are interested. Here is the plan:

Each member will bring one quart of fuel oil to each service of the church so it will be comfortable. This will eliminate the fuel bill completely. Each member will bring a candle to the evening service so we can disconnect the electricity. Each member will take his turn playing the organ (but bring a gasoline engine to furnish the power). In this way we will not need an organist and music director. That is, if you also will direct the chorus and the choir. Each member shall come to church equipped with a broom and dust cloth to keep his part of the building clean, and also clean the class rooms and lavatories. No

custodian will then be needed. Those who wish to use water should bring their own so that we can save the water expenses; in the summer time bring some barrels of water for the lawn. Please, of course, plan on providing your hymn book and your music in the choir. You should be prepared to bring the necessary materials and tools to help remodel the church. This is a real need now, and your help will save us money. You should not forget that if you desire a bulletin each Sunday you must bring your own mimeograph and supplies; also please prepare a few extra copies for the visitors who come. It is understood naturally, that each member will take his turn preaching, leading the services, conducting funerals, performing marriages, calling on members and prospects, visiting the sick, and in general guide the administration of church. This would save us the expense of a pastor.

A new day is dawning for our church! Now, if you do not wish to pay your tithes and contribute regularly to the work of the Lord, and for your church. But either way — **THE CHURCH NEEDS NO MONEY!** YOU use the blessings, so you make provision for them!

By Rev. Leonard E. Hagstrom  
in Evangelical Beacon.

## Our Responsibility

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Then there is the talk of the commonplace — crops, new cars, stocks, bonds, business, diets, vitamins and sports. (Some preachers can name all the players on the Yankees' and Dodgers' teams and give you their history who couldn't name the twelve apostles.) (We have members who can name more TV and movie stars than they can name Old Testament characters.)

People who can scarcely give you the days and hours of your own church services and who could hardly be expected to know where and when the District's camps are held can give you the dates of the game seasons in three states and the cost of licenses and so forth — and wouldn't miss a season.

In our ministry we have brethren who are "too busy" to attend the fellowship meetings or the District camps or conventions but they can readily find time to golf and hunt and fish. Men can tell you all about guns — calibre, size of shot, velocity, how far the load will carry, and a dozen other things which require study — but they just can't find time to study the required correspondence courses for ministers. Perhaps we should remember "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth."

"A right view of God and the world to come requires that we have also a right view of the world in which we live and our relation to it. So much depends upon this that we can not afford to be careless about it."

Trends are an evil disease. They may result not only from compromises but from adjustments as well. As you contemplate the situation you may weakly accept the trend to declension as inevitable, or you may like Martin Luther, Geo. Foxe, and John Wesley boldly raise up a standard against evil. You may object that you don't feel you are of their calibre. But, my friend, each of us can stand staunchly in his place against the trend to spiritual loss. Each can have the courage to wrench himself free from the grip of our times and return to biblical ways, and can right there stem the tide against sin and compromise! Will you be one who dares to do it?

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

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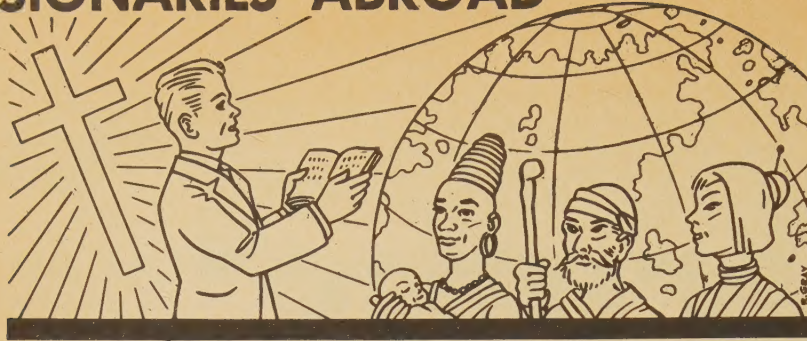
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## CHILE —

Lowell and Virla Dowdy spent Christmas on the boat, reaching Chile three weeks later. There is a great need for a better building. Pray to this end.

## EL SALVADOR —

Ralph and Jewel Williams spent four months in Bible School in Costa Rica. They ministered to six national

churches, drew up plans for a new church in Nicaragua which is to be a local effort and report twenty-five new churches were opened in El Salvador by national workers in 1957. Bro. Williams drove a jeep from the factory to the field in December. Missionaries Triplett, McGee and Stone had their car overturn, Bro. Stone's hand was injured in the accident. The Williams are to be in Venezuela at this time for a six-months stay.

## GERMANY —

John Kolenda writes from the Berea Bible School at Erhausen b. Darmstadt. Five years labor has produced an enrollment of 24 young men and a number of graduates doing a splendid job. After three years in Bremen

the church has grown from 60 to 200 and a church has been dedicated seating 400. Eastfriesland has grown from 20 in a wooden barrack seating 200 which is now crowded out. These churches are pastored by Berea graduates. Kolendas voice their appreciation for the \$13,000 toward the printing equipment given by the C.A.s.

## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS —

Omar Goines witnesses to being spared the hurricane "Nina." A cold front from the Aleutians turned directly out to sea. Winds up to 100 miles an hour had been predicted and 1000 people had been evacuated. The Goines believe God protected their home which could not have stood the storm. In spite of winds and rain, the Sunday morning service was held as usual.

## CENTRAL AMERICA —

Arthur and Janie Lindvall have arrived safely in San Salvador. Because of landslides their car and trailer had to go the last lap of the journey by flatcar and the family by train. Later a truck and jeep pulled the car through the mud. A comfortable house, the "nicest" they have had has been found. Twenty-four new churches have been started since they left for the States.

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